

smaller percentage of the vote. In my case that's a realistic thing I have to deal with. Therefore, I believe it's time for this Legislature, if you are to make your parties meaningful in the future, and if you are to make your primaries meaningful that you develop a system so that the party truly reflects the party candidate by a vote of a majority of the party and the only way to do that is to develop some form of a runoff primary system. So I would ask you to bring the bill out and I believe Democrats, Republicans should both, if they really respect their parties and want party integrity, should work to make sure that there is some system for developing the party candidate rather than this little coalition candidate or that one, and with that said, I'd ask you to bring the bill to the floor. We can decide on how we'd structure it out here because, of course, when you bring a bill to the floor it is brought just in its original form and I'd ask you to deal with it this year because I think if ever there was a year that it needed to be dealt with, it's this year. Because I'm not sure that if you don't do this, you won't have dealt the parties such a blow that they may not recover. They may not be meaningful parties in the future and you may not get "ultimately, the candidate of the party". You may not get a party candidate.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis and after Senator Landis, Senator Abboud, Withem and Vard Johnson.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp brought to the Government Committee an idea that we found interesting. It was not without some interest and positive response that we listened to John's arguments. However, the bill apparently, as Senator DeCamp describes, is one to protect the two-party system and one that would strengthen the role of the party in the selection of gubernatorial candidates and yet neither political party appeared at the public hearing to speak for the bill, for the idea. This notion which would require all 49 of us to give time and attention to on the floor of the Legislature brought out exactly one citizen, I think a friend of John's, and a professor of Political Science at the university, a very thoughtful fellow and a student of elections, Professor Bob Sittig, but there was a dearth of public response to this call for action. And in the event all 49 of us were to consider this bill, it would be 24 times the number of people that showed up at the public hearing. A runoff